

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

JANICE SCHMIDT,	)	CASE NO. 8:06CV12
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	ORDER RE: TRIAL PREPARATION
v.	)	(CIVIL JURY TRIAL)*
	)	
METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

1. **CIVIL TRIAL SCHEDULE:**

Attached to this order is a listing of the civil cases that are scheduled for trial during the weeks of March 19, 2007; April 23, 2007; May 14, 2007; June 4, 2007; and July 16, 2007. The cases are listed in the order in which they were filed and in which they are likely to be called. Approximately one week before the trial week, my chambers will communicate by e-mail the order in which the cases will be called and what day of the week the trial will commence. Generally, but not always, cases begin on Tuesday of the trial week.

2. **PRETRIAL MOTIONS:**

A. **Continuance**

Any motion to continue a trial must be accompanied by a supporting affidavit and a proposed order, and delivered to Magistrate Judge Gossett.

B. **Evidentiary Hearings**

Please notify my chambers immediately upon filing any pretrial motion requiring an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 104 so that a hearing may be held within sixty (60) days before trial. Absent a request for an evidentiary hearing, the right to a hearing may be deemed waived. If the requested evidentiary hearing involves a *Daubert-Kumho* question regarding an expert, the expert's disclosure under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) must be submitted to my chambers when the motion for the Rule 104 hearing is filed. All other material regarding a requested Rule 104 hearing must be submitted to my chambers when the motion for a Rule 104 hearing is filed. Each party shall submit a brief regarding each question raised by a motion requiring a Rule 104 hearing.

\* The requirements for non-jury trials are substantially the same, except that instead of filing proposed jury instructions, counsel are directed to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law to my chambers.

**THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN  
FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DATE OF TRIAL.:**

**3. PRETRIAL SUBMISSIONS:**

- A.** The following documents shall be **filed electronically** with the Clerk of the Court: trial brief, and if applicable, proposed jury instructions and verdict form(s). If the exhibit list and witness list were not incorporated into the final pretrial order, then those documents also shall be electronically filed.
- B.** In addition, each party shall e-mail to my chambers ([smithcamp@ned.uscourts.gov](mailto:smithcamp@ned.uscourts.gov)) in either Word or WordPerfect format a copy of the proposed jury instructions, verdict form(s), witness list, and exhibit list.

**4. DISCOVERY MATERIAL:**

Use of discovery material as substantive evidence is controlled by the Pretrial Order and the following requirements:

**A. Depositions:**

**Proponent:** The proponent of a deposition to be used at trial shall deliver a copy of the deposition to my chambers. If less than the entire deposition will be offered, the proponent shall deliver: (1) a list or index designating by page and line(s) the testimony to be offered, and (2) a copy of the entire deposition with highlighted parts to be offered.

**Objections:** A list or index of objections to another party's designated deposition testimony shall be delivered to my chambers and shall identify by page and line the location of the objection and shall identify the precise nature of the objection.

**B. Videotaped Depositions:**

**Proponent:** Videotaped depositions shall be delivered to my chambers as stated in the previous paragraph. The proponent shall provide a transcript with the prospective testimony indexed and highlighted.

**Objections:** A list or index of objections to another party's designated videotaped testimony shall be delivered to my chambers. The court may require editing of the video tape in response to pretrial rulings on objections.

**C. Interrogatories and Requests for Admissions:**

The format and requirements for use of, and objections to, deposition testimony shall also apply to answers to interrogatories and requests for admissions, including matters deemed admitted because unanswered. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 36(a).

**5. EXHIBITS:**

**A. Court's Copies:**

Each proponent of exhibits shall prepare a three-ring binder containing a copy of each exhibit to be offered for my reference. The binder shall be organized by dividers and tabs for quick retrieval of an exhibit during trial, and shall be delivered to chambers no later than five (5) days before the scheduled date of trial.

**B. Original Exhibits:**

Exhibits shall be properly listed and identified on the exhibit form supplied by the Clerk of Court's Office, also available at the court website: [www.ned.uscourts.gov/local/local.html](http://www.ned.uscourts.gov/local/local.html).

**C. Marking of Exhibits:**

All exhibits must be pre-marked with stickers that indicate whether the government, the plaintiff or the defendant is offering the exhibit. Plaintiff's exhibits will begin with number "1." Defendant's exhibits will begin with the three-digit number rounded to the next hundred after plaintiff's last exhibit.

**6. WITNESSES:**

**A. Lists:**

A party's witness list shall include the full name and address for each such witness. Witnesses who do not appear to testify when scheduled will be considered withdrawn.

**B. Rule 26 Disclosures and Reports:**

If not previously received by the court regarding a Rule 104 hearing, each party shall deliver to my chambers a copy of the Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) disclosures regarding that party's expert witnesses identified in the Pretrial Order. Any expert whose Rule 26 disclosure is not received by the court within five (5) working days before trial, or earlier if requested by the court, will be considered withdrawn.

**7. REQUESTS FOR INTERPRETERS OR COURTROOM EQUIPMENT:**

Please notify the courtroom deputy at least a week in advance if the services of an interpreter will be required for a hearing or trial. Please notify the courtroom deputy before trial if you request the use of the ELMO evidence presenter, a large screen television, an illustrator pad/printer, an overhead projector, an easel, or headsets for the hearing impaired.

**8. CONDUCT OF TRIAL:**

I will meet with counsel in chambers at 8:30 a.m. on the first day of trial. Trial will commence at 9:00 a.m. each day, unless otherwise ordered. The court will conduct a general voir dire examination. Counsel may supplement, but not repeat, the Court's voir dire examination. Any suggested questions for voir dire by the Court shall be delivered to my chambers. The Court may impose a time limit on counsels' voir dire. Examination of witnesses will be by direct, cross, and redirect examination, but not recross unless authorized by the Court.

**9. SETTLEMENT:**

By noon on the Friday before trial is scheduled to occur, counsel for all parties shall contact chambers to receive instructions regarding how the court may be notified of any settlement reached when the Court is not open for business. It is the responsibility of the counsel for all parties to notify the court immediately of any settlement. If the Court is not so notified, or if settlement is reached after a jury panel is called to appear, costs may be assessed against the parties.

**SO ORDERED.**

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp  
United States District Judge

**LIST OF CIVIL CASES SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL -  
WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2007**

8:00CV530 Carter v. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (Jury)  
(Michael Goodstein, Richard DeWitt, Scott Jochim/Steven Davidson)

8:00CV531 Modlin (Wendy Jean) v. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (Jury)  
(Michael Goodstein, Richard DeWitt, Scott Jochim/Steven Davidson)

**LIST OF CIVIL CASES SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL -  
WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2007**

8:00CV532 Twyford v. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (Jury)  
(Michael Goodstein, Richard DeWitt, Scott Jochim/Steven Davidson)

8:00CV533 Modlin (Kenneth) v. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (Jury)  
(Michael Goodstein, Richard DeWitt, Scott Jochim/Steven Davidson)

4:05CV3273 Wells v. Fisher et al (Jury)  
(Joy A. Shiffermiller/Michael E. Thew )

8:05CV510 Estes v. Omaha School Foundation (Non-jury)  
(Joy A. Shiffermiller /Kirk S. Blecha & Allison Balus)

8:06CV57 Mango v. Creighton University (Jury)  
(Kathleen M. Neary, Vince Powers/Thomas Hoarty, Jr.)

**LIST OF CIVIL CASES SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL -  
WEEK OF MAY 14, 2007**

8:00CV534 Frederick v. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (Jury)  
(Michael Goodstein, Richard DeWitt, Scott Jochim/Steven Davidson)

8:00CV535 Krause v. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (Jury)  
(Michael Goodstein, Richard DeWitt, Scott Jochim/Steven Davidson)

8:05CV165 MP Global v. Old World Stone (Non-jury)  
(Brian T. McKernan /Christopher D. Curzon)

8:05CV566 Hill v. Kenexa Technology (Jury)  
(Clarence E. Mock /Trent J. Martinet)

8:06CV12 Schmidt v. Metropolitan Utilities District (Jury)  
(Carole J. McMahon-Boies/Alan J. Cooper, Robert Rossiter, Jr.)

8:06CV269 Warner Bros. v. Stark (Jury)  
(David V. Clark, Joan K. Archer/Dana C. Bradford, Justin D. Eichmann)



**LIST OF CIVIL CASES SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL -  
WEEK OF JUNE 4, 2007**

8:00CV536 Wolf v. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (Jury)

(Michael Goodstein, Richard DeWitt, Scott Jochim/Steven Davidson)

8:00CV537 Krough v. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (Jury)

(Michael Goodstein, Richard DeWitt, Scott Jochim/Steven Davidson)

8:05CV403 Nygaard v. Cheatham, M.D. (Jury)

(Bradley G. Bonyng, Michael D. Bornitz/Thomas J. Shomaker)

8:06CV44 Perkins v. Funny Bone Comedy Club (Jury)

(C. Thomas White, Thomas White, Amy S. Jorgensen/Arthur M. Kaufman, Lisa M. Meyer)

**LIST OF CIVIL CASES SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL -  
WEEK OF JULY 16, 2007**

8:01CV27 Shimitz v. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (Jury)

(Michael Goodstein, Richard DeWitt, Scott Jochim/Steven Davidson)

8:01CV28 Spirk v. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (Jury)

(Michael Goodstein, Richard DeWitt, Scott Jochim/Steven Davidson)

8:02CV293 Fish v. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (Jury)

(Michael Goodstein, Richard DeWitt, Scott Jochim/Steven Davidson)

8:06CV47 Keys v. Funny Bone Comedy Club (Jury)

(C. Thomas White, Thomas White, Amy S. Jorgensen/Arthur M. Kaufman, Lisa M. Meyer)

8:06CV276 Schaller v. McDermott & Miller (Non-jury)

(Roger L. Shiffermiller/John F. Thomas, Randal M. Limbeck)

8:06CV318 Scottsbluff Inn v. Patel (Non-jury)

Kevin L. Miller, Robert J. Haupt/Jason R. Yungtum, Richard J. Gilloon)